

Dr. Burgess Weekly Video Address July 28, 2017

House Passage of Appropriations Bill

Hello, this is your Congressman Michael Burgess.

This week, the House of Representatives passed H.R. 3219, the Department of Defense Appropriations Act of 2018.

Under Article I of the Constitution, Congress alone has power of the purse. All spending must come across the desks of the House. As Members, we have the responsibility to act as stewards of your taxpayer dollars.

This is a duty I take very seriously. As a fiscal conservative, I work to reduce spending and promote economic growth through tax relief; however, I also work to ensure that key areas of our government are able to fulfill their purposes for the American people.

Each year during appropriations debate, Congress considers the many areas that receive federal funding. With this bill, the House voted to fund the military and provide support for our national security. It also includes funding for imperative public services like maintaining infrastructure, such as roads and bridges, and also support for public areas like Lake Lewisville here in the 26th District.

This legislation involved difficult tradeoffs and hard choices, but it is the duty of the Congress to make these decisions on behalf of our people. Together, we can ensure a healthy financial future for this great nation.

Fiscal responsibility is a hallmark of a free society, and ensures that our nation will be prepared to face the many challenges at hand.

As always, I appreciate your comments and your questions on this issue or any other issue. May God bless you and your family and as the song says, God bless you Texas.